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The person I always knew inside

By Holly Evans

Editor's note: As always, change is nonstop. The region witnessed three significant events as they affect the transgender community. Longtime advocate and former TransCentralPA president Jeanine Ruhsam unexpectedly passed away (See p. 6). Immediate past president Joanne Carroll has evolved to form her own social justice entity (See p. 6). And Holly Evans, who bravely shares her story here, is now at the head of the organization.

Holly Evans

Greetings. I take this opportunity to introduce myself and share with you a little bit about my life. And how I came upon this opportunity to represent TransCentralPa and all the wonderful people the organization represents.

My name is Holly Evans. I moved to the region 36 years ago to finish my education. Shortly after moving to Harrisburg, I met a very special person. We married and now 34 years later have two wonderful children. Little did I know at that time that I would make Harrisburg my home.

Upon graduation I began working in my chosen profession and have done so ever since. Less than six years after my graduation I started the first of several business. Our first child was born and from what all could see, it was the picture-perfect life. We loved each other, opportunities were before us, we would soon have our second child. We were The All-American Family with one boy and one girl, and, of course, the dog.

What no one knew, not even my spouse, were the feelings I fought with every day.

The same feelings I had battled since I was five-years-

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Central York School District Board includes "gender identity" in policy

By Tesla Taliaferro

Debate surrounded the March 18 Central York School District Board Meeting regarding the inclusion of the term "gender identity" into the school district's anti-discrimination policy.

The meeting drew widespread public attendance. With over 50 seats available, more chairs were brought in to accommodate the overflow.

The first to speak during initial public commentary was Mindy Waltemyer, who had expressed her outspoken support of the measure the previous month when the board put the new policy measure in place for a temporary trial period.

Waltemyer spoke from a prepared statement.

> "The institution itself is designed to protect ALL students, both in terms of the building, the staff, and the policies."
>
> **-Mindy Waltemyer**

"High school is both an exciting and terrifying time in any student's life," she began with earnest sincerity, her voice clear and her typed speech held firmly between her hands.

"It is a time of self-identification and self-expression, learning who they are and how they fit into society and the world at large." She paused. The room quieted down to hear her.

"It is also a time when all students will meet their greatest critics, encounter bullies, and face some of their toughest personal questions regarding self-dignity and self-worth. This is all the more true of students that question

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INTERNATIONAL

LUXEMBOURG

Prime Minister takes Arab leaders to task

Luxembourg's prime minister, Xavier Bettel, has confronted Arab leaders over the repression of gay rights, telling them his same-sex marriage would condemn him to death in some of their countries reports Jennifer Rankin for *The Guardian*. The conference room at a summit of EU and Arab states fell silent when Bettel made his statement, according to a German TV journalist. Retweeting this account, Bettel wrote: "Saying nothing was not an option for me." The tweet was signed with his initials. Bettel, the first EU leader to be married to a same-sex partner, had planned to make the intervention before arriving at the summit in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, which was the first gathering between the EU and Arab League. Homosexuality is punishable by death under sharia law in Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Yemen. Other countries in the region prohibit same-sex acts, including Algeria, Morocco, Oman, Tunisia, Syria, Kuwait and some of the United Arab Emirates.

NATIONAL

Mr. Rogers was bisexual friends say

A recently-released biography of Fred Rogers says that the children's television icon was bisexual reports Alex Bollinger for LGBTQ Nation.

"The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers" by Maxwell King was released this past September and contains a page that discusses how Rogers saw his sexual orientation. In a conversation with his friend William Hirsch, who was gay, Rogers said that if sexuality were a scale from one to ten, "Well, you know, I must right smack in the middle."

"Because I have found women attractive, and I have found men attractive." Longtime associate Eliot Daley is also quoted in the book discussing how Rogers was called "gay" and "a sissy." "Fred is one of the strongest people I have ever met in my life," Daley said. "So if they are saying he's gay because… that's a surrogate for saying he's weak, that's not right, because he's incredibly strong." Daley also discussed his gender expression: "He wasn't a very masculine person, he wasn't a very feminine person, he was androgynous." And in a 1975 interview with the New York Times, he said, "I'm not John Wayne, so consequently, for some people I'm not the model for the man in the house." | *Wikipedia photo*

Evangelical abandoning churches over Trump

One of the great imponderables of the current political scene is how conservative white evangelicals have become so beholden to a thrice-married, casino-owning, scandal-ridden serial philanderer asks freelance journalist John Gallagher. A group that used to throw around terms like moral majority and traditional values has morphed into a cheerleader for relativism and ends justifying the means. In short, evangelical churches have become political organizations that happen to have hymnals. Adding to the rot is the religious right's own #MeToo problem. Some high-profile cases show that not all ministers preaching about sexual purity have done a great job following their own advice. All of this may not be a recipe for long-term success. As it turns out, some believers–especially young believers–want to go to church to worship God, not Trump. The partisanship and hypocrisy on display in the pulpit is causing them to head for the door. There's enough of a movement to this end that it actually has a name: ex-vangelicals, or exvies for short.

Alarming Increase in Reported Hate Crimes

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) released hate crime statistics for 2017 revealing a disturbing increase of 17 % in reported hate crimes from the previous year. Released at the start of Transgender Awareness Week, these statistics highlight the ongoing epidemic of anti-transgender violence, as well as hate violence against other marginalized communities. Because hate crimes reporting is not mandatory, the numbers undercount -- likely significantly -- the reality of bias-motivated crimes. In 2017, 7,175 hate crime incidents were reported, 1,130 of which were based on sexual orientation bias and 119 on gender identity bias. These numbers reflect a five % increase in reporting of hate crimes motivated by sexual orientation bias, and a four % decrease in reporting of hate crimes motivated by gender identity bias. However, of incidents reported that were motivated by gender identity bias, 106 targeted transgender people, representing a one % increase from 2016. The overall decrease in reported hate crimes motivated by gender identity bias in 2017 is largely due to a 31 % decrease in incidents targeting gender non-conforming people.

Despite the slight decrease in reported hate crimes motivated by gender identity bias, anti-transgender violence remains an epidemic. In 2017, advocates reported the tragic deaths of 29 transgender individuals across the U.S., the highest number ever recorded in a single year. While it is unclear if all of these were hate crimes, they illustrate the fatal violence that affects transgender people, especially transgender women of color who live at the intersections of racism, sexism and transphobia.

STATE

Stoning/whipping of LGBT people condemned

As the nation of Brunei enacts a new law today that implements stoning or whipping to death under anti-LGBT laws, state Rep. Kevin Boyle is calling on the Commonwealth to end any business investments with that country. "This new law is inhumane and violates international human rights laws. It is medieval and should not be tolerated by anyone," said Boyle, D-Phila. "While we here in Pennsylvania certainly can't change the laws in Brunei, we can certainly punish the nation for its abhorrent actions of discrimination by cutting investment ties with it and any businesses located in Brunei." Boyle is currently seeking co-sponsors for his legislation that would require the Public School Employees' Retirement System, the State Employees' Retirement System, the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, and the state Treasurer's Office to no longer invest in companies that do business with Brunei. "For humanity's sake, we cannot stand idly by and be associated with countries that commit such acts of abuse. These places, including Brunei, create risk and undermine the value of Pennsylvania's investments," Boyle said. Boyle said his proposed legislation would amend Act 44 of 2010, known as the Protecting Pennsylvania's Investments Act, which already divests commonwealth-funded investments in Iran or Sudan, or with any company from either of those countries.

NJ requires schools to teach LGBT history

New Jersey has become the second state in the nation after California to adopt a law that requires schools to teach about LGBT history in a move hailed by civil rights groups as a step toward inclusion and fairness reports *USA Today*. Gov. Phil Murphy, a Democrat who promised to promote equality for gay and transgender people during his campaign, signed the bill Thursday. Among those celebrating the news was Jaime Bruesehoff of Vernon, whose 12-year-old transgender child, Rebekah, spoke in support of the bill in Trenton in December. "This bill is so important for our young people," Bruesehoff said. "They need to see examples of themselves in the history being taught and in classes they are going to each day. We know representation matters. "By learning about LGBTQ people who have made amazing contributions to their country, they are seeing possibilities for themselves and hope for the future," she said. Under the measure, public schools must include lessons about the political, economic and social contributions of individuals who are gay and transgender, starting in the 2020-21 school year. The bill also requires teaching about contributions of people who are disabled. The law does not apply to private schools.

GOP lawmaker: women 'a lesser cut of meat'

Bible based misogyny: South Carolina State Senator Thomas Corbin insults a female colleague, claiming women are "a lesser cut of meat" because the Bible teaches Eve was created from Adam's rib reports Michael Stone for Progressive Secular Humanist.

During a working dinner with other lawmakers last week discussing legislation aimed at curbing domestic violence, Corbin made some despicable insults directed at women in general, and his colleague and fellow Republican, Sen. Katrina Shealy, in particular. According to reports, when a plate of ribs was delivered to the table, Corbin claimed "they remind me of an old joke." Corbin proceeded to call women a "lesser cut of meat," explaining: "Well, you know God created man first. Then he took the rib out of man to make woman. And you know, a rib is a lesser cut of meat."

Will PA weasel out on basic civil rights?

Publisher's Voice

By Frank Pizzoli

There is same-sex marriage in Pennsylvania. But not because the Legislature wanted to join the 21st Century and make it so.

After the US Supreme Court's June 26, 2015 ruling requiring states to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples or recognize other state's same-sex marriages, the state had to act, against its own law.

History tells us that Pennsylvania's same-sex marriage ban was overturned in May, 2014 by Nixon appointee U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III. At the time, beleaguered state Attorney General Kathleen Kane, with her own legal problems popping up in a legal whack-a-mole and now in jail, called the law unconstitutional. She refused to mount a defense.

The marriage ban became law in 1996 under the tutelage of then-Gov. Tom Ridge, who eventually "evolved" to support marriage equality. I was appointed to serve on his IMPACCT Commission, evaluating the Dept. of State and the Historical & Museum Commission. Good enough for that but not for marrying, I guess.

At the time of the overturning, Pennsylvania was the last remaining state in the Northeast still outlawing gay marriage. What's important to remember is that the right of state residents to marry is the result of a court decision, not an intentional act by the General Assembly to provide a basic civil right.

Will the state weasel out a second time and be forced to amend its Human Relations Act because the US Congress may pass a national law granting basic civil rights to the queer community? In other words, in addition to paying taxes, starting businesses (like Central Voice), creating jobs (like Central Voice), can we now move up to fully human status in the eyes of the Pennsylvania Legislature?

Or will our elected officials weasel out again and begrudgingly change the state's Human Relations Commission language to include sexual orientation and gender identity? Will they do the right thing because they have to, same as with marriage? Or will they lead?

Legislation to create civil rights for the queer community has been introduced so many times even those of us who follow it can't keep count. But that's how many times our elected officials have dropped the ball.

Today's legislative iteration of creating basic civil rights for queers is known as the bipartisan Pennsylvania Fairness Act. It was first introduced in 2015, and would update the state's non-discrimination law to explicitly include protections for queer people from discrimination at work, in housing, and in public places. To date, both chambers have so far failed to show the leadership needed to take action.

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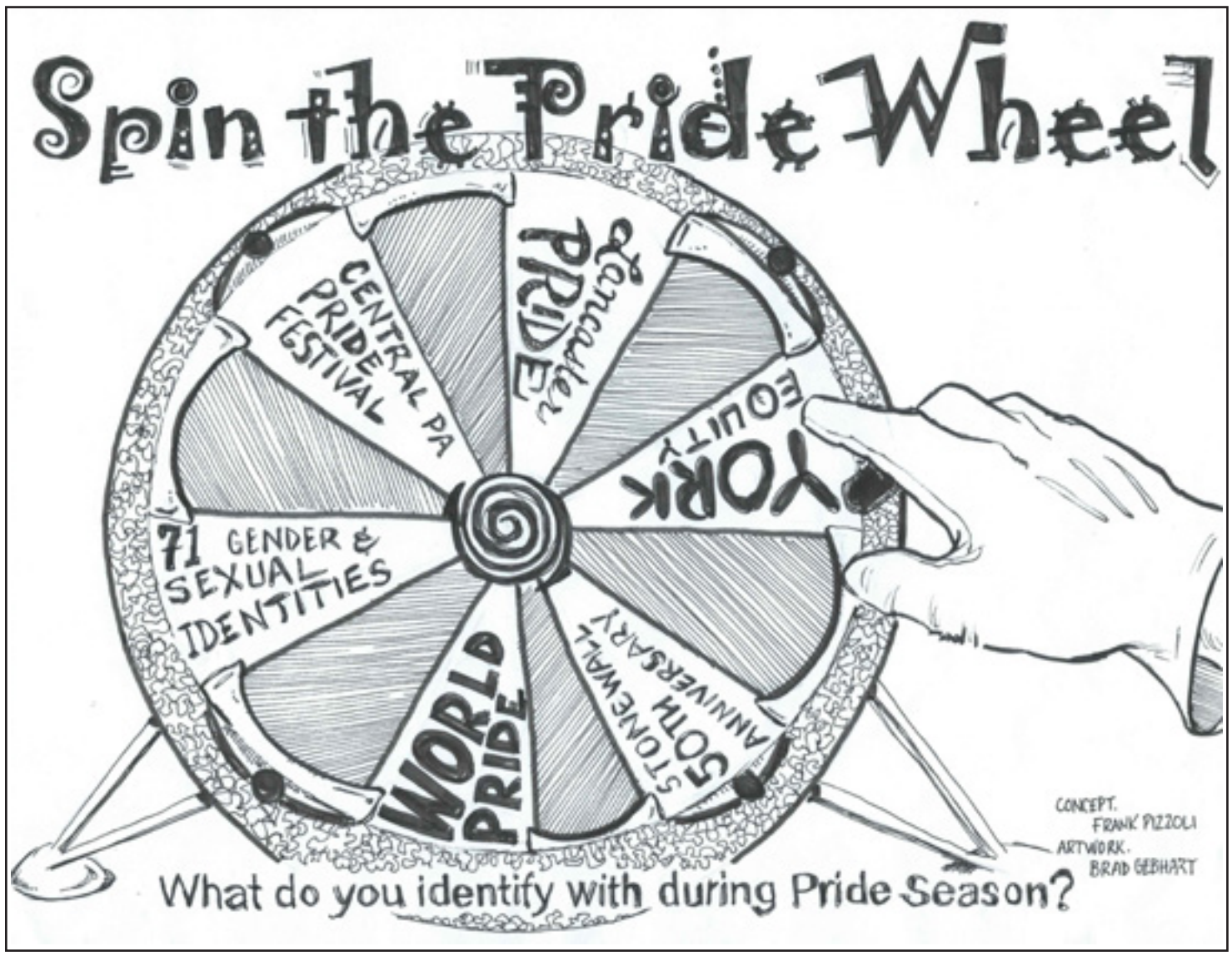
Meanwhile, dozens of Pennsylvania municipalities have passed separate ordinances to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, including Pittsburgh, Lancaster, Erie, Harrisburg, Scranton, and Philadelphia.

Who will blink first?



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America may have had a gay president

Editor's note: This is a Washington Post oinion piece written by Ezekiel Emanuel, vice provost for global initiatives at the University of Pennsylvania.

"If elected, you would be the first openly gay president of the United States," Stephen Colbert said to Pete Buttigieg after the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, declared his candidacy. While the characterization of being openly gay or "out" is relatively new, the fact is the United States has already had a gay president whose contemporaries knew it: James Buchanan. Indeed, the United States has also had a gay vice president and, maybe more surprisingly, a gay senator from Alabama.

If students taking U.S. history classes are taught anything about Buchanan, they learn that he was "our only bachelor president." How quaint. But, by using euphemisms, we falsely educate students - indeed all Americans - about the realities of this country's history. We also distort how and why Buttigieg's sexual identity matters today.

Before becoming president in 1857, Buchanan openly lived with William Rufus King, who at various times served as senator from Alabama, ambassador to France and, finally, Franklin Pierce's vice president. They met in Washington as young politicians, and lived together on and off for more than 16 years until King's death from tuberculosis in 1853.

Buchanan's biographer, Jean H. Baker, believes that his relationship with the Southerner King partially explains why this Pennsylvanian was a "doughface," a Northerner who did not oppose slavery. Indeed, Buchanan explicitly urged the Supreme Court to deliver an expansive ruling in the Dred Scott case - which denied freed slaves American citizenship and forbade Congress from regulating slavery in U.S. territories - and lobbied Congress to admit Kansas as a slave state.

How do we know Buchanan and King were a couple? In 1844, after King assumed his posting in Paris, Buchanan wrote a letter to a friend, complaining about being alone and not being able to find the right gentleman partner:

"I am now 'solitary and alone,' having no companion in the house with me. I have gone a wooing to several gentlemen, but have not succeeded with any one of them. I feel that it is not good for man to be alone; and should not be astonished to find myself married to some old maid who can nurse me when I am sick, provide good dinners for me when I am well, and not expect from me any very ardent or romantic affection."

Maybe he was only looking for a roommate, but who "woos" a roommate? And he admits he would not deliver "ardent or romantic affection" to a woman.

Similarly, King wrote Buchanan from Paris:

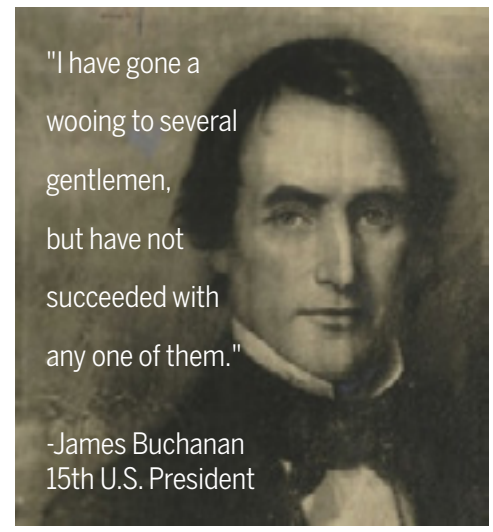
"I am selfish enough to hope you will not be able to procure an associate who will cause you to feel no regret at our separation. For myself, I shall feel lonely in the midst of Paris, for here I shall have no Friend with whom I shall commune as with my own thoughts."

Their peers knew about their relationship, which Buchanan and King made no real effort to hide. Andrew Jackson referred to King as "Miss Nancy" - a euphemism for a homosexual.

Other contemporaries called King Buchanan's "better half," and one congressman referred to him as "Mrs. B." All this would be quite peculiar if Buchanan was not gay. And we are not likely to get more explicit acknowledgment because both Buchanan and King had their personal papers burned after death.

Skeptics will note that in 1819, at age 28, Buchanan was engaged to Anne Coleman, daughter of a rich Pennsylvania ironmaster. Ultimately, she canceled the engagement and shortly thereafter apparently committed suicide. A rumor in the 1850s had Buchanan involved with Sarah Childress Polk, the widow of President James Polk, but it was never substantiated. In all, there is no evidence that he ever was intimately involved with another woman. At best it could suggest Buchanan was bisexual.

By not openly discussing this moment, we forget that being gay in the mid-19th century did not automatically exclude a man from national leadership. The idea that some people, including politicians and social leaders, are gay was not news or shocking to our forefathers. Americans generally considered it a private matter, and irrelevant to holding or performing public office. We obscure or even deny all this history, and, consequently, we miseducated our children and misdirect our attention. Moreover,



we obfuscate perhaps the one positive step we took as a country in electing James Buchanan, who makes almost every list of the worst U.S. presidents.

So, sorry, Pete Buttigieg, you can't aim to be the first gay president, although you could be the first married gay president. Let's stop pretending Buchanan was a bachelor, and take a lesson from our forebears. Instead of focusing on a candidate's sexuality, let's spend our time assessing their aptitude to lead our country in this perilous moment in history.

About William Rufus King: He was a Senator, slave owner and quite possibly gay, and he was country's 13th Vice President. There have been 47 vice presidents in America's 238 years, spanning John Adam to Joe Biden. One of those – William Rufus DeVane King – called Alabama home and he represents the closest any state resident has come to the top office in the land.

Women/Trans group launches 2020 electoral strategy

Positive Women's Network-USA (PWN), a national network of women and people of trans experience living with HIV, unveiled a new nonpartisan electoral organizing strategy.

Pennsylvania's affiliated chapter, known as PWN-PA, is involved in the effort and is conducting its electoral work under the name of Pennsylvanians for Progress.

Organizing Director Waheedah Shabazz-El discusses their strategy with *The Central Voice*. "With the approach of the 2020 Elections our PWN-PA chapter…will draw on their experience and lessons learned from 2018 and scale up their 2020 Electoral Organizing efforts.

"They really moved the needle and had a real impact on the 2018 Election registering over 150 new voters, getting out Candidate Questionnaires and building lists of over 250 pledges to actually go to the polls on Election Day."

The group's plan is "to double or triple our efforts for 2020. We already have a sense of our own power and we know we can win," Shabazz-El says.

"Organizing for Power: Road to 2020" (OFP 2020) will train and support teams led by women and trans folks living with HIV, through an intensive bootcamp, monthly web-based trainings, and ongoing coaching to implement a field plan, to elevate issues important to people living with HIV during the 2020 election cycle; assess where candidates stand on critical issues; analyze ballot measures, initiatives, and policy proposals; and register, engage, and mobilize voters, using a combined digital and field organizing strategy.

Elections have consequences. Following the 2016 election, conservative lawmakers have taken full advantage of their newfound power to drastically roll back human rights at the state and federal level. In their brazen efforts to disenfranchise and silence those who challenge their grip on power--Black and Latinx communities, women, LGBTQ folks, immigrants--they are also decimating access to the most basic needs like health care, housing, and food, as evidenced most recently by renewed attacks on the Affordable Care Act and the sweeping cuts in the president's budget.

OFP 2020 will build on voter engagement and issue elevation tactics that PWN supported its regional chapters and member leaders to conduct during the 2018 midterm elections by offering a higher level of training and support and by focusing on key geographic locations.

"The HIV community is a powerful voting bloc – there are over 1.2 million people living with HIV and millions more connected to HIV service delivery. Our members proved during the 2018 midterms that they were committed to making sure the voices of communities of color and low-income communities are heard. They reached over 10,000 voters, many from underserved and low-turnout communities, ensuring they knew their rights as voters, what and who were on their ballots, and how to make sure their votes counted," explained Naina Khanna, PWN's executive director. "We are incredibly excited to be able to provide even more intensive training, coaching, and hands-on support to scale up our members' impact on more races in crucial parts of the country. We know that when voters know what's at stake and understand their rights, they show up. Issues that matter to women living with HIV, like health care access, trans safety, and reproductive rights, are critical for our broader communities as well. We will play a key role in making sure these issues get heard by candidates and are understood by voters."

Applications for OFP 2020 opened today with a deadline of May 31. Those interested in participating must apply in teams that include leadership and involvement of PWN's priority constituencies - Black and Latinx cisgender and transgender women living with HIV - and demonstrate commitment to PWN's policy priorities and values.

New trans advocacy nonprofit formed

Well-known trans advocate Joanne Carroll, most recently president of TransCentralPA, has formed her own social justice nonprofit organization. In a news release submitted to *The Central Voice,* she describes her new venture.

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Carroll's background

Carroll

Joanne M. Carroll is the Executive Director of Trans Advocacy Pennsylvania; an organization committed to transgender informational related research, public advocacy for transgender and LGBTQ identified persons, providing education to businesses, organizations, hospitals, schools, and churches on gender and sexuality, and direct institutional support of other related transgender or LGBTQ non-profit organizations.

On August 6, 2018, she was appointed by Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Wolf, and was sworn in as a Commissioner on the Pennsylvania LGBTQ Affairs Commission. Her public service includes serving as a member of the Governor Wolf's LGBT Working Group, and is an active member of the Millersville University - President's Commission for Gender and Sexuality. She is a board member of the York, Pennsylvania Equality Fest.

Joanne is the Past President of TransCentralPA. As the primary voice for TCPA, she was on the road constantly across the Commonwealth speaking to a variety of groups and organizations, she also functions as one of three co-chairs of the internationally known Keystone Conference, which allows members, allies, supporters, spouses, and friends of the world-wide transgender community to come together for an informative, inspirational and joyous experience.

She is also the Past President and Past Vice-President of EqualityPA and served as a member of the PA Medical Society LGBT Health Disparities Task Force, Carroll is currently a member of the Transgender American Veterans Association, and in July 2016, she was a Pennsylvania delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

She was born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota, and has lived in Lancaster, PA for nearly 20 years. She has five daughters, and eleven grandchildren.

In her years of active employment, she served 20 years on Active Duty in the United States Air Force, retiring as a Master Sergeant (E-7). Following her military career, she worked for over 18 years in the hospitality industry, starting as a hotel night auditor and worked her way up to general manager.

Joanne attended Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, Midwestern State University, in Wichita Falls, Texas, and the Community College of the Air Force at Randolph AFB, in San Antonio, Texas. She majored in Political Science, with a split minor of Business and Accounting.

She also served as a member of the Penn Central United Church of Christ - Open and Affirming Ministry Team. She is a Past Vice-President of the Leadership Team of First Reformed United Church of Christ in Lancaster. Recommended as a candidate, she is seeking the opportunity to become a minister in the United Church of Christ.

Public service has always been a major part of her life, and in other parts of the U. S., has served on tourism and hotel/motel association boards, and was at one time the President Elect and Vice Chairman of her local Chamber of Commerce

Joanne is a rated Air Force Master Instructor and is a Vietnam era veteran. She received many awards and decorations during her military career that included; Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, Vietnam Campaign Medal.

During the Vietnam War, she served as an Air Commando (now known as Special Operations) and was actively involved in counter-insurgency and other missions in Southeast Asia.

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Jeanine Ruhsam, flanked by Bree Hartlage (left) and Joanne Carroll (right) speaking at the Campaign for Fairness rally in 2014

LOCAL TRANS LEADER

Jeanine Ruhsam, noted transgender activist, recently died unexpectedly

The LGBT Oral History Project, housed at Dickinson College Archives, illustrate Ruhsam's long history of activism and advocacy. From the archives:

For more than a decade, Jeanine Ruhsam was an advocate in Central Pennsylvania's transgender community. With the primary goal of providing support and resources for transgender people and their loved ones, she spearheaded the Trans Central Pennsylvania organization and the Keystone Conferences. Her projects have also included organizing initiatives like the Transgender Day of Remembrance, as well as political lobbying and legislation. Today she continues her career as a Women and Gender Studies Professor in New Hampshire. This interview discusses her personal experience as a trans women, her thoughts on the Central Pennsylvania LGBT community, and her insight into the future of trans people in the United States.

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old. Those same feelings I tried to leave behind when I moved to the Harrisburg area, when I married, and when each of my children were born.

I was born physically a male but wanted so desperately to be female. I didn't understand it at the time and felt so alone. I, like so many people at that time, were unaware how many others out there were dealing with this same struggle.

Over the years I would constantly battle with my feelings and identity. Always afraid of letting anyone know. In time society became more accepting, first with gay and lesbian relationships and later, with the advent of the Internet, there was more information available regarding transgender individuals.

Finally, in the fall of 2014, at the age of 53, I decided to begin my journey and allow myself to be the person I always knew inside.

Along this journey I shed nearly 100 lbs. of weight I carried as barrier keeping me from the person I knew inside. I knew that I'd have to tell my deepest secret to my spouse of 30 years, to my children, family, friends, business partners, staff, and clients. The only secret I ever kept from my wife, and in doing such, risk losing everything.

In September of 2015 I took that first step and opened up to my wife. I told her.

In January of 2016, with her support, I attended my first TransCentralPA meeting. Other than my wife, this was the first time I ever interacted with anyone presenting as Holly. I was nervous. What I found was a wonderful supportive group of people who understood me, accepted me and were there for me.

I want to say that four-and-a-half-years after making that monumental decision to be myself, and three years after joining TransCentralPa that I have been fortunate. My spouse and my children have stood by my side.

I still have my businesses and many of the friends from before embarking on my journey. Its not to say that it was easy, by no means. I, like many other transgender individuals, have family members who no longer speak to me. Like so many others I have lost friends, or those I thought were friends. I lost employees and some clients no longer call. But along the way, I have made so many new friends. I've made so many new connections and learned so much about what life is truly about. I have learned to let my barriers down, to open up and be more compassionate towards others.

Forward

Looking forward as president of TransCentralPA it is my vision for our members to be more visible and more involved in our community. I want to provide more opportunities for our members and other transgender individuals and their significant others to partake in activities beyond our monthly support group meetings.

We will begin to conduct multiple small group outings such as a movie night, a trip to an Escape Room, a tour of Longwood Gardens or the Gettysburg battlefields, or even attending a ball game. By providing our members more opportunities to get out with friends and enjoy themselves, I firmly believe that we raise the awareness of others as to who we are, and in return we become more self-confident and stronger as individuals.

During my own journey and transition I saw how important it was to have the support of friends along the way. To get out and simply feel good about myself. Not all of our members are so fortunate to have the love and support that I was so blessed with along my journey. Therefore, I want to pay that back. I want to provide opportunities to those members who might not otherwise have them by organizing these additional outings.

I believe that in providing more opportunities and activities that we can foster more friendships among the members of our community. We can become closer. And in doing such, we can continue to help and support the transgender community.

Holly Evans founded Evans Engineering, Inc., a multi-discipline engineering firm that provides services in the areas of Civil/Site Development, Structural Engineering, and Building Design.

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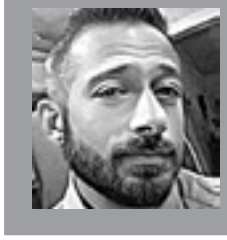

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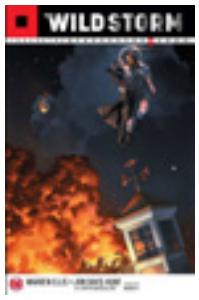

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Artist(s): Jon Davis-Hunt
Colorist(s): Steve Buccellato
Letterer: Simon Bowland
Publisher: DC COMICS
Genre: Action, Romance, Sci-Fi, Superhero
Published Date: 02/20/2019

Recap:

Jenny Mei Sparks was an active participant in keeping the peace between International Operations, I.O., an American intelligence agency and Skywatch, a secret space program. However, the debate process became too draining and drover to the brink of alcoholism. Jenny's story does not end like most that are challenged by this disorder.

Last issue, Jenny recounts her story and explains why it was necessary to form this team. Jenny has certain plans, however, so does the other members of this team. We are now entering the beginning of the end to this 24 issue run WILD STORM saga.

Review:

Whether you have been with this arc from issue #1, or just jumped into the chaos due to the appearances of two fan-favorite characters, Wild Storm #20 will excite you with its fast-paced and action-packed story! Jenny Mei Sparks made an important discovery which causes tensions at I.O. and brings a new player into the field. The opening pages, we find Miles Craven and Ben Santini discussing their plans to terminate some of their rivals.

Meanwhile, most of this issue is shifted to an isolated farm in a small town with ground troops and flying saucers.

Needless to say, the bulk of Wild Storm #20 is almost entirely an action scene, as the soldiers arrive in the barn and confronted by Apollo. There are stunning action scenes with Apollo's killer bursts of light an awesome panel showing him tearing through a tank. There are some exciting pages showing off Midnighter's skills. We see pages that fiercely show Midnighter killing an army with a single blow.

The writer, Warren Ellis, provides little dialogue in this issue, which works well with the storytelling. This allows the artistic talent of Jon Davis-Hunt and Steve Buccellato shine through panel after panel of action sequences. I cannot give enough praise to Davis-Hunt's ability to tell a suspenseful story through his artwork from the panels leading to the fight scenes and to see the romance between Apollo and Midnighter. The colors by Buccellato provide the right special effects with the correct amounts of reds, orange, and yellows in the bursts of light and fire. Buccellato's exquisite choice in purple, blue, gray and black in the background sets the mood that works wonders with both Ellis and Davis-Hunt.

Even though Apollo and Midnighter don't talk much in this issue, their bond is very clear. I do have to point out that Davis-Hunt and Buccellato made some small but bold alterations to Apollo and Midnighter that may not be taken well from some fans. However, I say; "Embrace the change!" I am hoping that this final arc will continue the spotlight for these characters and maybe, just maybe the last issue will leave a cliffhanger to the next chapter for Apollo and Midnighter.

Comic book writers and their artistic team create many avenues for their readers. Ellis's writing about Jennifer's battles promotes "awareness" of alcohol issues. Along with Jon Davis-Hunt and Steve Buccellato, this team sparks the imagination through their science fiction story telling. The most important aspect of this team for me is how well they work together in tackling issues that lead different types of discrimination through embracing the unfamiliar and expressing sociological achievement.

Final Thoughts:

Wild Storm #20 is a suspenseful, action packed, science fiction issue with a touch of romance that leaves the townspeople questioning "What the %$#@ just happened?"

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The organization's mission "is to inspire hope, health and well-being by providing high quality, culturally competent, free faith-based primary healthcare to underserved and uninsured adults in the greater Harrisburg area," executive director Debra McClain tells *The Central Voice*.

McClain came to Beacon Clinic six months ago after more than three decades as a licensed insurance and financial services professional.

The clinic focuses on caring for patients that are living within the poverty level and those individuals who are underserved for various reasons. "We assess a patient's needs and the social environment impacting their wellness and access to care," McClain explains.

Education is provided to those with chronic illnesses to help them learn to make choices that will enable their overall wellness and contribute to their longevity.

The clinic is a Core Solution Partner in Health with the United Way of the Capital Region. They also collaborate with other community partners like UPMC Pinnacle, Lion Care at Bethesda Mission, Penn State Health and Drayer Physical Therapy. Beacon Clinic can seek aid in securing appropriate diagnostic testing and expanded services for those with complex, critical or life-threatening conditions.

Beacon Clinic has provided free outpatient primary healthcare to more than 1,200 adults in need. Clinic data indicates care has been provided to people from 37 different countries, representative of 26 different languages. In 2018, 422 patients were helped.

Over 2,500 medications were provided to those in need.

The patient population has grown approximately 30% each year. Patients are treated with a variety of needs such as: infections, high blood pressure, Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and general aches and pains.

McClain explains that "Continuity of Care is provided. For example, a diabetic patient initially came with an extremely high A1C of 13.5. This could lead to long-term adverse effects of diabetes. A recent visit revealed an A1C of 5.5!" A lower score indicates well- controlled diabetes which can lead to longevity and an improved quality of life.

This spring Beacon Clinic has partnered with Penn State Health Residents and Medical Students to offer free education classes for our diabetic patients and their families. The first class was held in March sharing how food is an important part of wellness. A division of Penn State Health, Prevention Produce, brought in a variety of whole grains, fruits and vegetables, discussing food choices.

"All attendees went home with bags of free food and recipes," McClain said. AETNA Better Health provided portion plates for patients to take home to help them learn appropriate portion sizes.

The clinic receives calls from other various organizations looking to secure help for others, including the Department of Corrections.

"Corrections counselors call when they have an individual who cannot secure health insurance for one reason or another, or the person is getting insurance but has a medical need prior to activation, we have been able to assist those persons to get the care they need while in transition," McClain said.

Beacon Clinic is primarily staffed by volunteers. If you'd like to help as a receptionist, data entry, registered nurse, or doctor or nurse practitioner, please contact executivedirector@beaconclinicpa.org.

Details on services and hours are available at link below. The organization works from 248 Seneca Street, Harrisburg, with entrance in the rear of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Appointments are required.

INFO - www.beaconclinicpa.org

Who is Debra McClain?

Debra McClain has served as volunteer President & CEO of the Central Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (now known as Keystone Business Alliance). She served as a Supplier Diversity Panelist on behalf of the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and on Governor Wolf's Advisory Board for Energy, Business & Economic Development. Deb is also the Coordinator of Hand Up, a homeless ministry through MCC of the Spirit. She lives in the Harrisburg with her wife and is also a mother and grandmother.

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Health awareness is a woman's first step

Health & Wellness | WOMEN

Lesbian and bisexual women are part of a diverse community with various health concerns. While all women have specific health risks, lesbian and bisexual women are at a higher risk for certain diseases than other women.

The Gay & Lesbian Medical Association says –

Following are the health issues GLMA's healthcare providers have identified as most commonly of concern for lesbians. While not all of these items apply to everyone, it's wise to be aware of these issues.

1. Breast Cancer

Lesbians are more likely to have risk factors for breast cancer yet less likely to get screening exams. This combination means that lesbians may not be diagnosed early when the disease is most curable.

2. Depression/Anxiety

Lesbians may experience chronic stress from discrimination. This stress is worse for women who need to hide their orientation as well as for lesbians who have lost important emotional support because of their orientation. Living with this stress can cause depression and anxiety.

3. Heart Health

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women. Smoking and obesity are the biggest risk factors for heart disease among lesbians. All lesbians need yearly medical exams for high blood pressure, cholesterol problems, and diabetes. Health care providers can also offer tips on quitting smoking, increasing physical activity, and controlling weight.

4. Gynecological Cancer

Lesbians have higher risks for certain types of gynecological (GYN) cancers compared to straight women. Having regular pelvic exams and pap tests can find cancers early and offer the best chance of cure.

5. Fitness

Research shows that lesbians are more likely to be overweight or obese compared to heterosexual women. Obesity is associated with higher rates of heart disease, cancers, and premature death. Lesbians need competent and supportive advice about healthy living and healthy eating, as well as healthy exercise.

6. Tobacco

Research also shows that lesbians use tobacco more often than heterosexual women do. It is easy to get addicted to smoking, even if smoking if it's only done socially. Smoking has been associated with higher rates of cancers, heart disease, and emphysema — three major causes of death among women.

7. Alcohol

Heavy drinking and binge drinking are more common among lesbians compared to other women. While one drink a day may be good for the heart, more than that can be raise your risk of cancer, liver disease and other health problems.

8. Substance Use

Lesbians may use drugs more often than heterosexual women. This can be due to stress from homophobia, sexism, and/or discrimination. Lesbians need support to find healthy ways to cope and reduce stress.

9. Intimate Partner Violence

Contrary to stereotypes, some lesbians experience violence in their intimate relationships. However, health care providers do not ask lesbians about intimate partner violence as often as they ask heterosexual women. Lesbians need to be asked about violence and have access to welcoming counseling and shelters when needed.

10. Sexual Health

Lesbians can get the same sexually transmitted infections (STDs) as heterosexual women. Lesbians can give each other STDs by skin-to-skin contact, mucus membrane contact, vaginal fluids, and menstrual blood. It is important for sexually active lesbians to be screened for STDs by a health care provider.

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Recommendations to become a healthier man

Health & Wellness | MEN

Just like all other men, gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men need to know how to protect their health throughout their life. For all men, heart disease and cancer are the leading causes of death. However, compared to other men, gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men are additionally affected by:

- Higher rates of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs);
- Tobacco and drug use;
- Depression.

There are many reasons why gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men may have higher rates of HIV and STDs. Some of them are:

- Prevalence of HIV among sexual partners of gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men is 40 times that of sexual partners of heterosexual men;
- Receptive anal sex is 18 times more risky for HIV acquisition than receptive vaginal sex;
- Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men on average have a greater number of lifetime sexual partners.

Other factors that can negatively impact your health and ability to receive appropriate care:

- Homophobia;
- Stigma (negative and usually unfair beliefs);
- Discrimination (unfairly treating a person or group of people differently);
- Lack of access to culturally- and orientation-appropriate medical and support services;
- Heightened concerns about confidentiality;
- Fear of losing your job;
- Fear of talking about your sexual practices or orientation.

These reasons and others may prevent you from seeking testing, prevention and treatment services, and support from friends and family.

In fact, gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men make up more than half of the people living with HIV in the United States and experience two thirds of all new HIV infections each year. Further, young gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men 13-24 had over 72% of the estimated new HIV infections in 2010. In 2012, 75% of reported syphilis cases were among gay and bisexual men.

The large percentage of gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men who have HIV and STDs means that, as a group, they have a higher chance of being exposed to these diseases. Too many men don't know their HIV or STD status (if they have a disease or not), which means they may not get medical care and are more likely to unknowingly spread these diseases to their sexual partners.

Most gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men get HIV by having anal sex, which is the riskiest type of sex for getting or spreading HIV. During anal sex, it's possible for either partner—the insertive (top) or the receptive (bottom) to get HIV. However, if you are HIV-negative, bottoming without a condom puts you at much greater risk for getting HIV than topping. If you are HIV-positive, being on the top without a condom is riskier for giving HIV to your partner.

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Is HIV stigma worse than ever?

Pennsylvania HIV Justice Network forms to combat social, racial and political injustice

By Louie Marven

Since July 3, 1981, when the *New York Times* published its now iconic story "Rare Cancer Seen in 41 Homosexuals," so much has changed.

And much remains the same.

HIV stigma is alive and well even though medications first rolled out in the mid-90s and since then keep the deadly virus at bay for those infected. In fact, the World Health Organization, US Centers for Disease Control, and the International AIDS Society formally state that *Undetectable = Untransmittable*. In other words, a person living with HIV (PLHIV) who has an undetectable viral load does not transmit the virus to their partners.

Better still, PrEP (Pre-exposure prophylaxis), a pill-form medication taken daily, keeps uninfected people from getting infected with HIV. But alas, stigma strikes again. Those who reveal taking the drug are often called "PrEP Sluts" for taking responsibility for their sex life. (PrEP does not protect against any other sexually transmitted infections like Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Hepatitis B and C, and others.)

That's why PLHIV networks are forming all over the nation. In the crosshairs of a polar vortex last February, 18 individuals, almost all people living with HIV, met in Milford, PA, to form the Pennsylvania HIV Justice Network.

"We came together to develop a mission statement and create a steering committee to guide future goals for the working group," said Teresa Sullivan of Positive Women's Network – USA. Sullivan believes that "the group of people that were at the gathering are the right folks to accomplish justice for people living with HIV in Pennsylvania that goes beyond treatment goals. Our goals also include social justice, racial justice, and electoral campaigning for 2020."

Waheedah Shabazz-El, also of Positive Women's Network – USA, described the initial convening as breaking the ice and coming to group agreements, including "that our advocacy can be more impactful if it were strategic and intentional, to form a working group that could identify gaps in services that impact quality of life, and to form a group who could imagine what can be possible as far as strategic collaboratory advocacy."

Shabazz-El emphasized the need to affect change "throughout the state in urban, suburban, and rural counties."

The newly-formed network, which invites other PLHIV and allies in Pennsylvania to join, will be fiscally-sponsored by The Sero Project. Sero is a national network of PLHIV that fights HIV criminalization and supports the creation and strengthening of statewide PLHIV networks. Sean Strub, who founded POZ magazine, is Sero's executive director, as well as the mayor of Milford, PA, where Sero is based.

Strub stresses one significant change since the early days of AIDS. "Earlier in the epidemic, generally the most important priority immediately post-diagnosis was to connect the newly-diagnosed person with other people living with HIV, to help them build a supportive environment, get questions answered, etc.," Strub explains.

There were support groups and HIV networks everywhere for this purpose.

"The LGBT community back then accepted the epidemic as a collective responsibility and wrapped its arms around the newly-diagnosed person, smothering them with love and a 'we will get through this together' message," Strub says."

He contrasts that collective responsibility with today, where the response to diagnosis is to prioritize treatment to stop transmission.

"Support groups and networks are cut way back or eliminated; facilitating PLHIV getting together with each other isn't a priority for most HIV service providers."

Eighteen individuals met in late February at the Hotel Fauchere Meeting Center in Milford, PA, to form the Pennsylvania HIV Justice Network. Front row, from left: Susan Mull, Waheedah Shabbaz-El, Michelle Kohler, Teresa Sullivan, Brenda Goodrow, Rhonda Goldfein. Back row, from left: Andrea Johnson, Kevin Burns, Barbara Whitney, Adrian Lowe, Julie Graham, Sean Strub, Gail Thomas, Heshie Zinman, Cindy Stine, Jeff Haskins, Chris Bartlett and Central Voice publisher Frank Pizzoli.

Furthermore, "the LGBT community has gone on to other issues and a newly-diagnosed gay man is as or more likely to encounter judgment, if not scorn and abandonment, from other gay men, as he is to find the support that once was the hallmark of our community's response," Strub laments.

Shabazz-El also evoked history in describing her hopes for the network.

"I would like to see people living with HIV in our network grow confidence in their leadership by using the Denver Principles," she said, referring to the iconic 1983 statement developed by pioneers in the HIV self-empowerment movement.

Externally, Shabazz-El hopes the group can establish a lobby day in Harrisburg, provide "a rapid response when a bill is entered that may have negative impact on our communities" and help advance progress in the state legislature.

Helping with legal and other aspects of HIV reality in Pennsylvania are Adrian Lowe and Ronda Goldfein from the Pennsylvania AIDS Law Project.

"Stigma discourages people living with HIV from asserting their legal rights," said Goldstein, the law project's executive director. "We have talked to clients who have endured discrimination, but don't want to pursue their claims because they are afraid of being identified as living with HIV. We hope the PA HIV Justice Network will help people feel more connected and empowered."

Therein lies the network's challenge: changing long-held attitudes about HIV. "Because the epidemic is less visible today, it doesn't mean it is gone. And despite the profound progress on the biomedical side, on the social and cultural side, HIV stigma is worse than ever," said Strub.

"There is no pill to treat stigma. The most successful anti-stigma strategy is to focus on empowering the stigmatized, which is what networks help accomplish."

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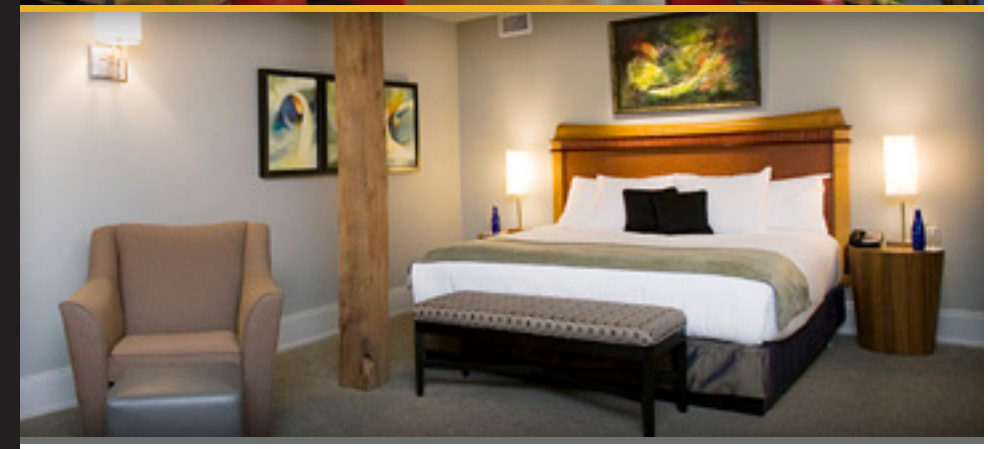

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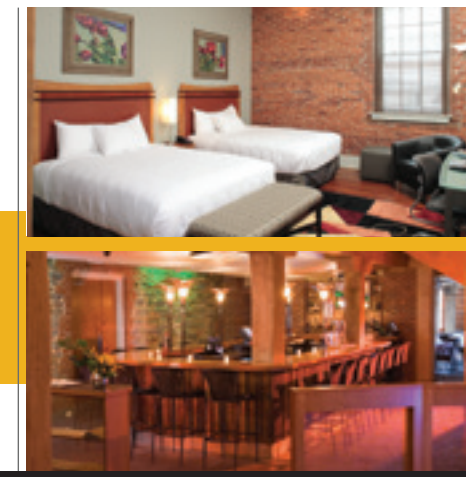

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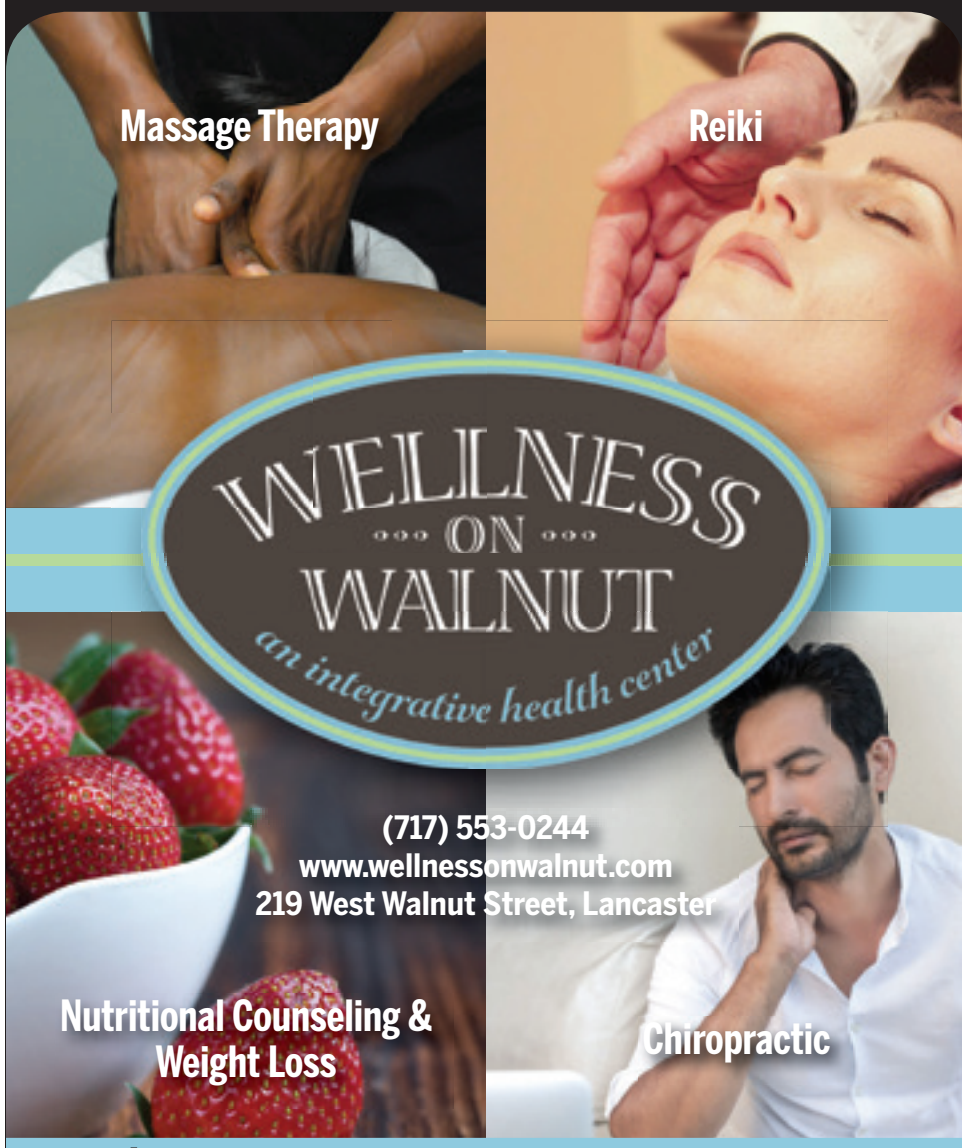

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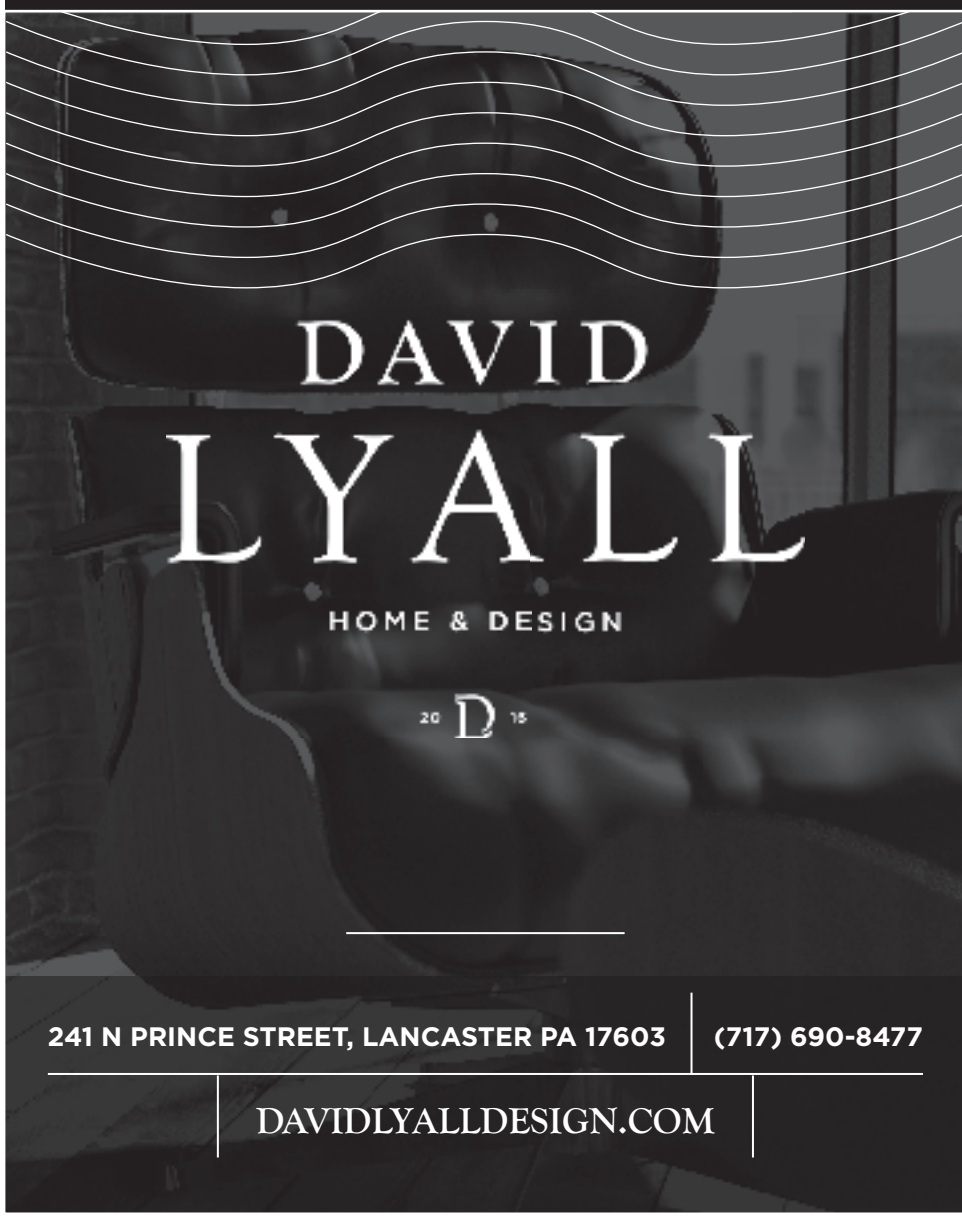

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The power of storytelling and story sharing

By Frank Pizzoli

When Nathan Manske spent a weekend in Harrisburg during the 2010 Central PA Pride Festival filming peoples' stories, he told *The Central Voice* he thinks about "all the armies of one fighting for civil rights in their small town."

He was referring to the legions of LBGT people he'd met on his four-month, 50-state tour of 170 municipalities that shapes his work with *I'm from Driftwood,* first a website, then a 166-page book with the same name that portrays first-person stories of gay people across the country.

Inspiration stems from Harvey Milk

The story of why and how Manske created IFD is as interesting as any of the stories he's collected over a decade.

"The morning after I watched *Milk*, would you believe I was inspired?" he explained. Although impressed with the movie, what inspired him more was Harvey Milk the person.

An image Manske recalled wasn't even in the film. It was a photo of assassinated Supervisor Harvey Milk, one of the first openly gay elected officials in the U.S., riding on the hood of a car in a San Francisco Gay Pride march, holding a sign that reads, "I'm From Woodmere, N.Y."

Gay folklore says the sign was intended to show how far people came to attend the San Francisco rally, but the sign meant something more to Mankse. "It meant that there are gay people in every small town and every big city across America and the world. I responded to Harvey's sign with *I'm from Driftwood*."

The tale of Manske's film project has the feel of a Hollywood story itself. His brother drove the vehicle and they accomplished their goal on a leanly budgeted business plan. Every bit of their challenging journey was worth it he says because "another theme emerged, that it's not easy living in a big city either. It's not always the Mecca a troubled young person may think it is," he says.

The stories on film and in the book show anti-gay people and organizations "we're not all that different after all. We all have stories and problems and loves and lives just like everyone else. So maybe we should all be treated like everyone else, too," Manske says.

IFD celebrated its 10th anniversary

"We are elated to reach this milestone in our organization's history," Manske said.

"Our goal from the beginning was to share stories from people of every age, race, gender, identity and culture to increase empathy, deepen understanding of LGBT experiences, and empower individuals to live authentically. The stories are also meant to move people to action in their own lives and in their communities, including coming out, advocating for LGBT people, and supporting LGBT elders and youth."

Wildly successful, the organization has been invited to be a permanent part of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. In August of 2019, IFD will donate artifacts, stories, and thousands of photos from its Story Tour to the Smithsonian. Prior to making the donation, Manske will display artifacts, photos, and stories in pop-up exhibits in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Austin during the month of May.

To gay teens the message is "you are not alone." We want our peers to know other people have dealt with similar situations, families, communities and churches, and have overcome. They live happy lives," Mankse says.

Pennsylvania-specific videos are available at - http://imfromdriftwood.com/?s=Pennsylvania

Our national WTF moment

Ally in the Academy

By Trum Simmons

Much has been written about how divided we are today. I agree that we are, although not so much on the either-or, right-left scale; it's much more complicated than that.

There's another way of looking at where we are as a country: People of all social, political, economic and religious persuasions are having continuous WTF experiences. And I don't mean Whiskey Tango Foxtrot experiences, I mean the ones that find you trying (and failing) to make sense of things we see and read in the daily media.

One of *The New Yorker* cartoonist George Booth's recent illustrations perfectly captured the mood of the country: A guy reading the paper and shouting at his dog, "I'd just like to know what in hell is happening, that's all. I'd like to know what in hell is happening. Do you know what in hell is happening?" Meanwhile the dog is furiously scratching himself.

> People will believe the big lie more easily than the small lie.

Some days I feel like the person who said they were experiencing life at the rate of several WTFs an hour.

Like millions of fellow citizens, my biggest WTF moment in the past couple of years was the November 2016 election. I'm one of those idealistic and, yes, naïve people who believed it couldn't happen in the USA.

Trump-related goings-on have continued to make my head spin, as when in March, U.S. Rep. Mo Brooks of Alabama quoted the following on the House floor immediately after the Mueller report was issued: "For more than two years socialist Democrats and their fake news media … have perpetuated the biggest political lie, con, scam and fraud in American history."

Brooks then read from Adolph Hitler's *Mein Kampf* (Take a moment to let that sink in: a U.S. representative sworn to defend the constitution quoting *Mein Kampf* on the House floor.) "I quote from another socialist who mastered the 'big lie' propaganda to a maximum and deadly, effect," he said.

Brooks continued to read the passage explaining the difference between the "big lie" and the "small lie." People will believe the big lie more easily than the small lie, Hitler wrote, because "they would not believe that others could have the impudence to distort the truth so infamously."

Even when facts are presented to prove the propaganda wrong, he wrote, people would not change their minds, believing there might be some other explanation.

Brooks' speech really got to me. It was an excellent example of how our president and his allies have managed to spread their infamous big lies. You know, the ones about the need to make America great again, that Trump's achievements are the greatest in history, that migrant hoards are invading the country. And the biggest lie that propelled Trump into office: "I alone can fix it."

WTF?

Talk about cognitive dissonance, one of the concepts I've taught my students and have written about through the years. Psychologist Leon Festinger came up with this concept in 1957, and it speaks well to this moment, now.

Consider the person who has been brought up to believe that America is the greatest country in the world, a country that offers more freedom than any other country on earth, only to find that, by many metrics, it simply isn't true.

This can be hard on a person, as I well know. I've had my worldview challenged so often through the years that cognitive dissonance and I are fast friends. So many of us are experiencing cognitive dissonance today, and we need to learn how to help one another work through it.

One thing that might help is recognizing that presenting people with facts to prove a point often will not work (in fact, it might cement their erroneous belief even more). So we need to try another approach. I admit I'm not sure what will work; President Barack Obama found that a beer summit didn't help much.

But having a beer with someone who has given you a WTF moment might work if you truly listen to why they feel and believe as they do. Listening well means ensuring that your fellow human being will feel heard. Just maybe this will mitigate the cognitive dissonance both of you are feeling and lead to authentic dialogue.

Am I being idealistic and naive again? Well, there's a good chance.

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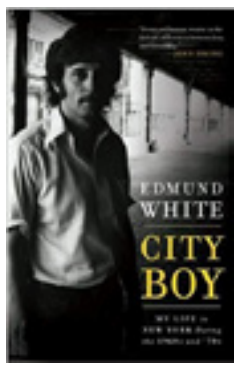
Celebrating the works of author Edmund White

Lambda-Award-winning author and editor Tom Cardamone brings together a diverse collection of queer writers and their supporters to celebrate the rich, innovative works of Edmund White, the eminent memoirist and author of the American literature classic, *A Boy's Own Story,* not to mention other outstanding works of fiction and several lauded nonfiction works that include *Genet: A Biography.*



Frank Pizzoli, founding publisher and editor of *The Central Voice,* is included in the book with an original chapter based on *City Boy: My Life in New York During the 1960s and '70s,* one book in the sequence of White's memoirs. Pizzoli studied dance at Merce Cunningham Studio in 1978 and performed locally in the 80s with Dancer's Workshop and Moving Target, a modern dance company affiliated with Dickinson College. He's interviewed White three times, one of those times with Felice Picano and Andrew Holleran *(Dancer from the Dance)* as surviving members of *The Violet Quill.*

Bringing this collection together was an organic act," Cardamone tells *The Central Voice.*

"I really wanted to capture how widespread the appreciation of Ed's writing is: his appeal crosses generations and early on moved far beyond the literary 'gay ghetto' and toward the universal," Cardamone says.

The National Book Critics Circle finalist and author John Irving (*The World According to Garp, Cider House Rules*) calls him "one of the best writers of my generation." The same-age as White, Irving has said about White's *A Boy's Own Story* that when he first read the book in the early 1980s he "thought that the novel spoke much more to me about a boy coming of age (even though it's about a gay boy coming of age, and I'm not gay) than J. D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye* ever did."

The joy of organizing such a book, Cardamone reflects "was constantly re-affirmed as each contributor came on board with their unique insights and individual enthusiasms." An additional surprise was revisiting some of White's work years after having read it.

"The sexual heat of recently coming out colored my initial reading of *The Beautiful Room is Empty.* Returning to it now in my somewhat calmer adulthood exposed so much wit and humor I'd previously raced past to get to the hot parts, that I'm now eager to revisit his Genet biography as well," Cardamone says.

In *Crashing Cathedrals: Edmund White by the Book*, established writers, new voices, journalists, friends, former students, White's husband, and a recent editor/publisher provide personal appraisals of White's work in the order in which his books were published. The collection forms a unique tribute-cum-biography of the most significant contemporary gay writer in the world. The book is published by ITNA Press which has also published Gary Indiana and Christopher Stoddard.

Other writers in the $18, 482-page book include Alysia Abbott, Michael Carroll, Allan Gurganus, Zachary Lazar, Sarah Schulman, Lynne Tillman, Colm Toibin, and Charlie Vazquez.

Available at ITNA Press or Amazon

2019 Pride Fest Schedule

- **Lancaster Pride: Sat. July 20th**
  Clipper Magazine Stadium
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  Pennsylvania State Capitol Complex, Hbg
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Something old, something new

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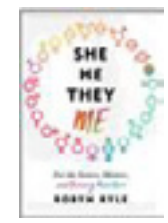
By Yvonne Carmichael

She/He/They/Me: For the Sisters, Misters, and Binary Resisters by Robyn Ryle



In this unusual, useful resource, sociology professor Ryle (Questioning Gender: A Sociological Exploration) explores the intersections of gender, sexuality, race, culture, and history in the form of a choose-your-own-adventure book. Though the chapters are short, often about a page, together they form an expansive account of gender that reflects exhaustive research. With its unique format and accessible language, the text is perfect for readers of any age who are questioning their genders, generally curious about gender, or interested in better understanding a loved one's identity. (From Publisher's Weekly)

The Diamond Setter, by Moshe Sakal; translated from the Hebrew by Jessica Cohen

The uneventful life of a jeweler from Tel Aviv changes abruptly in 2011 after Fareed, a handsome young man from Damascus, crosses illegally into Israel and makes his way to the ancient port city of Jaffa in search of his roots. In his pocket is a piece of a famous blue diamond known as "Sabakh." Intending to return the diamond to its rightful owner, Fareed is soon swept up in Tel Aviv's vibrant gay scene, and a turbulent protest movement. He falls in love with both an Israeli soldier and his boyfriend--the narrator of this book--and reveals the story of his family›s past: a tale of forbidden love beginning in the 1930s that connects Fareed and the jeweler. (From the Publisher)

A People's Future of the United States: Speculative Fiction from 25 Extraordinary Writers edited by Victor LaValle and John Joseph Adams

For many Americans, imagining a bright future has always been an act of resistance. A People's Future of the United States presents twenty never-before-published stories by a diverse group of writers, featuring voices both new and well-established. These stories imagine their characters fighting everything from government surveillance, to corporate cities, to climate change disasters, to nuclear wars. Edited by Victor LaValle and John Joseph Adams, this collection features a glittering landscape of moving, visionary stories written from the perspective of people of color, indigenous writers, women, queer & trans people, Muslims and other people whose lives are often at risk. (From the Publisher)

In Full Velvet: Poems by Jenny Johnson

Sinuous and sensual, the poems of In Full Velvet interrogate the nuances of desire, love, gender, ecology, LGBTQ lineage and community, and the tension between a body›s material limits and the forms made possible by the imagination. Characterized by formal poise, vulnerability, and compassion, Johnson›s debut collection is one of resounding generosity and grace. (From the Publisher)

Elevation by Stephen King

Scott, lonely after a divorce he didn't want, could stand to lose a little weight, but, even though the scale shows a steady decrease, he looks exactly the same. He confides in the retired Doctor Bob, who is just as mystified, but at least provides good company. Now if only Scott could resolve his troubles with Deirdre and Missy, new neighbors who have opened a Mexican restaurant. He's puzzled by Deirdre's hostility until he discovers that the good folks of Castle Rock, Maine, have pilloried the women not only because they're lesbians, as one indoctrinated boy puts it, but because they had the nerve to get married. (From Booklist)

A Queer Love Story: The Letters of Jane Rule and Rick Bébout edited by Marilyn R. Schuster

A Queer Love Story presents the first fifteen years of letters between Jane Rule--novelist and the first widely recognized "public lesbian" in North America--and Rick Bébout, journalist and editor with the Toronto-based Body Politic, an important incubator of LGBT thought and activism. Rule lived in a remote rural community on Galiano Island but wrote a column for the magazine. Bébout resided in and was devoted to Toronto's gay village. At turns poignant, scintillating, and incisive, their exchanges include ruminations on queer life and the writing life even as they document some of the most pressing LGBT issues of the ‹80s and ‹90s, including HIV/AIDs, censorship, and state policing of desire. (From the Publisher)

Jewish Film Festival offers the midstate two gay films

By Julie Sherman

A remarkable pair of documentaries will premiere at Midtown Cinema on May 13 as part of the Edward S. Finkelstein Harrisburg Jewish Film Festival.

Family in Transition and *On My Way Out: the Secret Life of Nani and Popi* both speak to our basic need to love and be loved, and, as important, to be known – whatever the cost.

When we meet the Tsuks – Amit, Galit, and their four children – the subjects of the Israeli film, *Family in Transition*, we see a family six months in to accepting the reality that patriarch Amit has come out as transgender. The conservative coastal Israeli community where they live is less tolerant: the Tsuk children are bullied at school, names are slung when Amit and Galit walk through town, and even close family members – both Amit and Galit's fathers, Galit's sister, Amit's aunt and uncle – refuse to attend the couple's 12-year-old daughter's coming-of-age bat mitzvah.

Israeli filmmaker Ofir Trainin, who spent two years with the Tsuk family shooting more than 100 hours of film and watching their story play out in an utterly unexpected manner, was no stranger to having to come to terms with unimagined realities. At 18, Ofir's world was disordered when his 27-year-old brother came out as gay – a complete shock to his family and to the residents of the kibbutz where they lived. "It was the early 90s," Trainin recalls, "and in Israel, and especially in the kibbutz, we never heard about LGBT issues. It was very difficult to understand, and we always thought about what other people were going to say, and if they now would move away from us. But gradually people learned to accept him."

20 years later, Trainin found himself making short films for an LGBT organization focused on helping families process their children's coming out "in the best way possible so that the LGBT child feels good and understood." When he heard about the Tsuks, especially Galit's choice to stay with Amit ("It's rare that the wife of a transgender woman decides to stay and support her husband through this process"), he knew it was a bigger story. He could not have imagined the direction it would go – *spoiler alert* – that Amit would have her surgery, that Galit and she would remarry as women, that their relationship would fray and end in divorce, and that Galit would find herself anew, as a bisexual woman in a lesbian relationship.

To Ofir Trainin, *Family in Transition* is "a film about accepting who you really are. It is about family members evolving together through the challenges of life, and always wanting to be better parents whatever the circumstances. It is about accepting the people we really love for who they are, whatever their gender."

On My Way Out: the Secret Life of Nani and Popi chronicles the remarkable love story of Roman and Ruth Blank, friends before World War II who each survived the Holocaust, reunited, married, and made a new life together in America. A model marriage for their children and grandchildren, a partnership so perfect that their grandson, Brandon Gross, had been filming them for years, recording for posterity "this cute, sweet couple who always had a great time with one another…a rosy life, no problems," the family was blindsided when, after 65 years of marriage, Ruth revealed the secret she and Roman had kept from the entire family from the beginning: Popi was gay.

When told, Gross's first instinct was to pick up his camera again. "Popi would have gone to his grave with this secret. He'd promised my grandmother, and he had so much guilt for what he'd done to her. But he was so relieved to have it out."

The revelation, so many years in coming, unleashed "the queenie side of Popi's personality," laughs Gross. "One persona, the one we all knew, was the wise patriarch, and here was this 90-year-old man making crazy demands, calling his daughter – my mom - in the middle of the night, asking when she was going to find him a boyfriend."

Gross believes that what brought his grandparents together was the war. "Roman lost his siblings and his mother to the Nazis. Ruth lost friends. Instinctively they knew they had to rebuild and reestablish normalcy. Part of this was to create a family. Also for Roman – it was the times they lived in – he had friends who committed suicide because they were gay. Roman chose to live, and the only option was to get married and have a family." And why did they stay together all of those years? "It is who they were as people. They had so much love inside of them."

On My Way Out is at its most heart-wrenching when Ruth declares her despair over her long life with Roman, and he expresses the disappointment of never having had a whole, loving partnership with a man. But according to their grandson, "this is just part of the truth." As Popi says at the end of the film, "Love is love. But it cannot compare to a family like we have."

"People think you can have it all," says Gross, who is now studying to be a marriage therapist, "but there is always sacrifice. You just choose what you are going to sacrifice."

For more information about these and other films at the 2019 the Edward S. Finkelstein Harrisburg Jewish Film Festival, go to www.hbgjff.com. Tickets are available in advance at Midtown's box office or online (www.midtowncinema.com).

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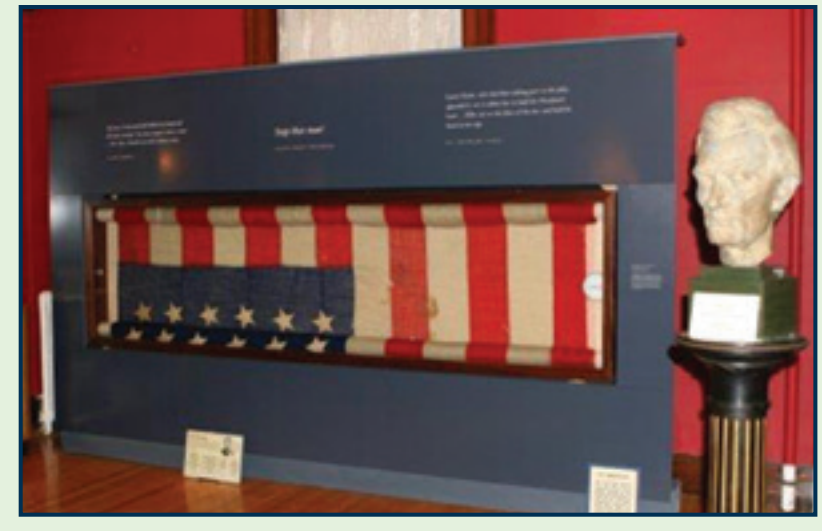

Columns Museum with its most famous relic: the blood-stained flag that cushioned President Lincoln's head moments after he was assassinated.

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Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus free masterpiece performances

In May, the Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus will undertake the biggest challenge in its 32-two year history when it presents the region's premiere of one of the most important large-scale choral works in recent years.

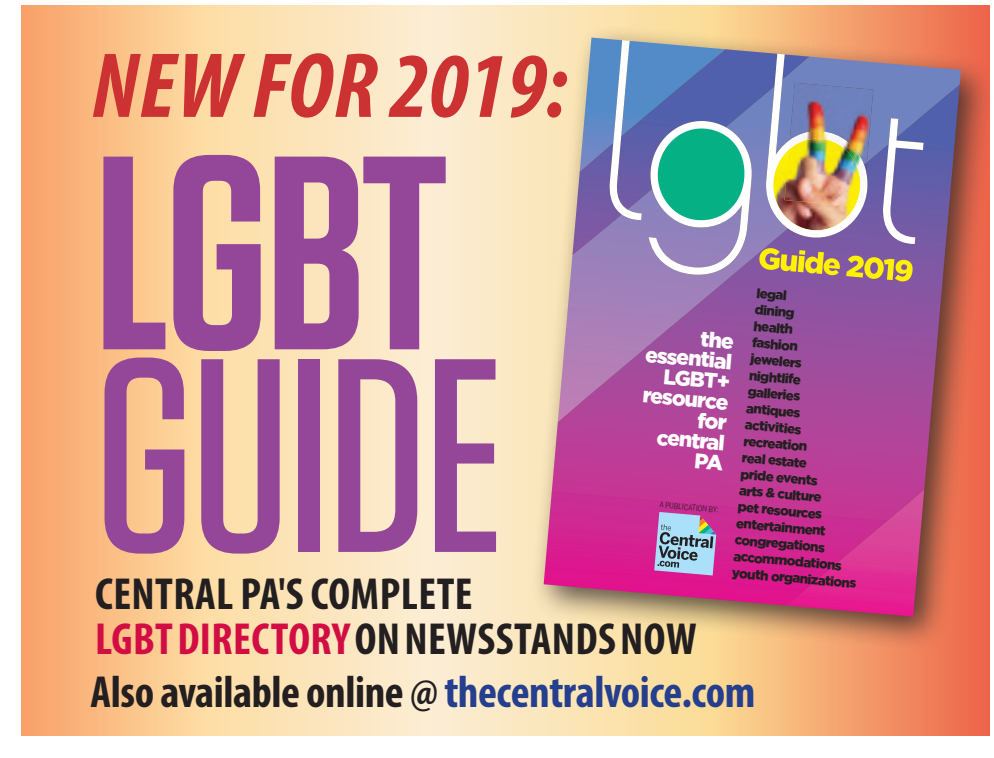
Set to the score of a nine-piece orchestra, *Two Boys Kissing* is Joshua Shank's oratorio adaptation of David Levithan's award-winning novel chronicling the relationships and difficulties of today's gay youth. Based on true-life events and told through narrative and song, it shares the stories of two gay teenagers who attempt a 32-hour continuous kiss to set a world record, a transgender teen who falls in love at a gay prom, and a teen whose sexual orientation is discovered by his conservative parents.

As the clock ticks down, the boys are watched over by a Greek-chorus of gay men who lost their lives to the AIDS epidemic a generation earlier, and now watch the world that's come after them with both sadness and joy. The message delivered is about more than being gay – it's about the crossroads of freedom, equality and hatred. It gives voice to the life experiences of LGBT individuals, recalling the struggles of those who previously walked this same path, and offering hope within the progressive growth of acceptance in today's society.

A timely tribute to the 50th year observance of the Stonewall Uprising, it is also a reminder of those who continue to battle the stigma of a faceless enemy in their daily lives, so movingly captured in the lyrics of this masterpiece: Some of us, they stayed behind. They think of us most every day. They watch over you with us in mind. They survived to show you the way.

Two Boys Kissing is a poignant and powerful choral work that speaks to people across the generations and from all walks of life, and one that will resonate for years to come. Performances of this masterpiece will be presented to the public free of charge, as part of the chorus' mission to give back to the community and make the arts accessible for all.

Performance dates are May 11, 7 p.m., Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S. 2nd St., Harrisburg; May 17, 7p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 121 N. Spring St., Middletown; May 18, 7p.m., Union Lutheran Church, 408 W. Market St., York. The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus is a nonprofit organization.



TAUGHT WARHOL PHOTGRAPHY

Warhol protégé decamps in Milford

By Frank Pizzoli

Hurriedly prepping for a Hong Kong AmfAR benefit and Art Basel Hong Kong, Christopher Makos tells Central Voice why he and his collaborative partner Paul Solberg chose Milford, PA for a decampment.

"It was a deliberate process," Makos explains. "We needed additional studio and storage space. Milford is one hour and twenty-two minutes from our West Village residence. It's an addendum," he said. There is no gallery space or public accommodations at their new space. Makos still bikes to his West Village studio and Milford's scale allows him to also bike around.

Paul Solberg, left, and Christopher Makos are creative, business and life partners.

Taught Warhol

Makos actually taught Andy Warhol how to use a camera.

"He was all point and shoot. I wanted to show him the many other aspects of photography and I was able to show him that," Makos explains. He was at Warhol's side between 1976 and 1978, when Warhol's third Factory location, 860 Broadway, was in full swing.

Behind the bar in Bar Louie, a lower-level hot spot in Milford's Hotel Fauchere, hotel guests and other visitors can see the iconic photograph of Warhol kissing John Lennon taken by Makos.

"Andy had me taking photographs of people kissing one another," Makos said. And in a more recent Bar Louie installation, some of those photographs of folks kissing – Liza Minelli and Lennon, Salvatore Dali kissing Andy, Mick Jagger at the Factory, Andy kissing Philip Johnson, Debbie Harry Laughing at the Factory, Andy with Elizabeth Taylor, Andy with Bill Murray, Andy being Crowned Paris, Jean Michel Basquiat, Jack Nicholson now cleanly populated three walls. Each is a Pigment Giclee photograph printed in New York City under Makos' supervision.

What's the creative impulse behind what Makos captures in his photographs?

Christopher Isherwood said "I am a camera". Makos has said "My camera is pretty much a paint brush." Makos has successfully combined camera and paintbrush. One gets a chill viewing each photograph so real in the 'moment' captured you feel like you're standing right there and heard the camera click.

Makos posits the one undying aspect of Warhol's work. "When your brand is America you're never out of style, you're never out of favor" he points out, referring to Campbell's Soup Cans, Brillo, and 'celebrity,' in some ways a uniquely American phenomena.

Peeling away another artistic layer, art historian Debra Miller, author of *Out of the Shadow: Artists of the Warhol Circle, Then and Now,* explained when speaking years ago at the Art of Association of Harrisburg explained that Warhol wanted to portray what American's ate for lunch, much the same way Dutch and Flemish artists did. And they were criticized at the time as was Warhol.

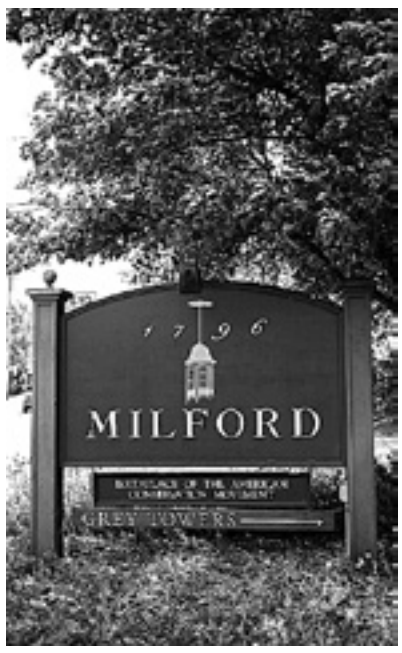
"I think that's why we continually see Warhol circulate and flow back into art and culture and people's sensibility not only from that time but moving forward," Makos says.

Hilton Brothers

The Hilton Brothers is an artistic identity that comes out of a series of collaborations Makos and Solberg began while traveling some 15 years ago. Finding that they were both drawn to similar subject matter when they were out in a foreign, beautiful location, they began to shoot the same subjects, almost as a joke.

Back in the studio, looking at the printed results it was fascinating for them to see where their sensibilities merged and diverged. The idea of identity, who took which picture, and why was the difference discernable led them to begin a series of diptychs, where they would photograph separate objects and bring them together in one print: one plus one equals a third new artwork.

So it seemed with their artistic identities, a blurring of individual egos to explore other collaborative projects. Having been conjoined by choice since they met, Makos and Solberg began calling their collective works, and themselves, the Hilton Brothers, a second identity they share since 2004, in the spirit of the Hilton Sisters of Vaudeville fame circa 1930's. And now the Makos-Solberg collaboration includes Milford.



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Traveling history exhibit coincides with Stonewall 50th Anniversary

By The Central Voice

The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania is a traveling history exhibit that chronicles the efforts that activists have undertaken in Pennsylvania to achieve full equality for LGBTQ+ people.

"The exhibit shows the decades-long struggle LGBT taxpayers have had trying to achieve basic civil rights," says Barry Loveland, chair, PA LGBT History Network. He hopes the new history exhibit will show others the struggle.

With the lack of success in passing statewide legislative protections from discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, and education, activists have been working for more than five decades to obtain these protections one battle at a time, one municipality at a time.

The exhibit uses case studies of several cities and townships to highlight not just the political struggles, but the personal stories as well. This exhibit debuts in mid-February 2019, in the 50th anniversary year of the 1969 Stonewall Riots, a pivotal event in the LGBTQ+ movement toward equality.

"This year marks the 50th anniversary of Stonewall, a turning point in our LGBTQ+ movement for liberation led by trans women of color," said Amanda Arbour, executive director of LGBT Center of Central PA. Arbour said in honor of this milestone the local center will be a partner in the exhibit.

"With the lack of success in passing statewide non-discrimination protections, activists have been working for more than five decades to obtain these protections one battle at a time, one municipality at a time," Arbour said. "The exhibit uses case studies of Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Lancaster, York, Allentown, and Montgomery County to highlight not just the political struggles, but the personal stories as well."

This exhibit tells these stories through historical narrative, photographs, and video of activists' first-person accounts who were involved in the struggles to achieve protection from discrimination. Along the way, they faced some of the very discrimination they were seeking to protect their communities from, including harassment, physical assault, arson, and bombings.

Four copies of this exhibit will travel throughout Pennsylvania beginning in February 2019, including one that will debut at the Pennsylvania State Capitol in Harrisburg. To see where

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Religious or spiritual?

By Rev. Dr. Lori E. Hatch-Rivera
Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit

I have often heard folks say, "I'm not religious, I'm spiritual." My response has been and still is "Why aren't you religious?"

I know that one thing that goes through many people's mind is the work of Christian denominations that are discriminating. Christian denominations that continue to reject people based on skin color, marital status, sex, physical ability, or sexual orientation (and yes there are many other ways to discriminate). Or maybe one recalls the ways through the ages that Christianity has been used against people: the crusades in the Middle Ages, witch hunts, the Spanish Inquisition and other inquisitions throughout Europe and the Americas, and other processes that have been used to eliminate a group of people who are looked upon as the "other". We can find horrible acts preformed on people by other faiths too.

Religion is not being Christian or Jewish or any other faith. Nor is religion being a Baptist or a Methodist or Presbyterian, a member of the Metropolitan Community Church denomination, or any other denomination.

As a Christian, I use both the Hebrew Testament and the Christian Testament of the Bible to define what it means to be religious. In the Hebrew testament, Micah 6:8 gives us a definition of religion: "The Lord has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" In the Christian testament, James 1:27 states: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Parent (inclusified), is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

Religion is not following some dogma of a denomination or faith group. Religion or being religious means helping others. It means fighting for justice when there isn't any justice for a person or a group of people. It means helping those who are without: feeding and clothing the homeless, visiting those in prison, and helping or curing those who are ill. Religion is about how one lives one's life in relationship to others, especially to those who lack the means to care for themselves.

So where does the spiritual part come in?

Notice the segments of the definitions above that state that we are to "walking humbly with your God" and "to keep oneself unstained by the world." This is where one will connect, in a manner that works for an individual, with one's God or higher power. For some it will mean spending time in prayer. For another it might mean a time of meditation or the reading of holy words. It might mean attending a worship service or spending time in nature or a location that brings one closer to God or higher power. These spiritual practices are what one uses to grow one's relationship with God and then enable one to perform their religious actions. Our spirituality are the practices one uses to connect oneself with God, while our religion is how one connects with others in the world.

May your spirituality bring you great joy, while your religion changes the world.

Why choose religion?

By Most Rev. Michael J. Scalzi
The Old Catholic Church

Although I normally do not put too much energy into my own birthdays, I recently turned the "big 65" and for some reason it turned into a meaningful day. (My spiritual director once told me that we should especially celebrate the "0" and "5" birthdays.)

Spending some time that day in prayer reflecting back on the past six decades, I began to think about my personal journey: from where I came to where I am now, physically, emotionally, spiritually, etc.

I was raised in the boroughs of New York City in an Italian (Roman) Catholic home. Although my parents were strict in their faith, they were very open, loving and accepting of everyone. I had friends of all races and religions (my best friend was Jewish). Although I didn't know it at the time, I had gay relatives who would come to holiday dinners with (as my mother would describe them) their "special friends." No one made any negative comments or wisecracks: everybody just enjoyed each other's company: there was a great deal of love and laughter (probably due to the homemade Italian wine made by my grandfather in the basement).

My parents instilled in me a strong Catholic identity and I remained a faithful Catholic throughout my life. For a time, I even seriously considered a vocation to the priesthood, but I discovered girls in high school, and I knew that a vow of celibacy was not a vow that I could embrace.

As I grew older, I began a career in the radio broadcasting industry. During that period of my life, I met and worked with people from all walks of life in many cities around the country. Gay, straight, black, white, Christians, Jews, Muslims, atheists…it didn't matter. They were all my friends.

I eventually married and raised three children. Sadly, my wife met someone she liked better and my marriage ended.

During a time of post-divorce discernment, the idea of a vocation to the priesthood began to stir in my heart. I prayed long and hard about this, but I knew that I could not, in good conscience, uphold the beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church. Although I was (and still am) staunchly pro-life, issues such as birth control, divorce and remarriage, same-sex relationships/gay marriage, were issues that had touched the lives of so many of my close and dear friends. If I pursued the priesthood in a Church whose doctrines did not match my own personal beliefs, then I would be a fake and phony priest, and I could not do that.

During a blizzard many years ago when I was confined to my home for three days, I got caught up on my reading. In a middle-of-the road leaning publication ("The National Catholic Reporter") I discovered an article about The Old Catholic Church and was captivated by its inclusivity and acceptance of all. I read everything about The Old Catholic Church I could put my hands on. I was shocked to find that I had actually found a Catholic Church which welcomed everyone without regard to their prior denominational affiliation

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the role of gender within their lives, as they face the most discrimination and the highest suicide rates."

Another pause, using the silence to emphasize the topic's seriousness.

"The institution itself is designed to protect ALL students, both in terms of the building, the staff, and the policies." Her voice began to crack with emotion, her hands started to quiver, and the paper pulled taunt between them audibly rattled into the microphone.

The previous month, board members who opposed the temporary measure did so on the basis of either religion or argued that because the policy in place states that "all students" would be covered, adding another specific term such as "gender identity" to an already long list including race, color, national origin/ethnicity, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, or religion, was unnecessary.

Waltemyer did not agree with those sentiments.

"Every student that walks through the doors of Central York schools should feel safe, valued, and affirmed. Diversity in our schools, and our society, should be celebrated openly and safeguarded rigorously." Nods of affirmation came from the crowd and board members who had previously supported the measure. Those who had spoken in opposition continued to hold their somber demeanor.

"The fact that this subject is up for discussion," Waltemyer continued, "and that there are challengers to its inclusion, is exactly the reason why we need and have anti-discrimination policies." She looked to those previous nay-sayers as though she hoped her words might move them.

"To say 'no' to the inclusion of the term 'gender identity' is to discriminate against those who identify as gender-nonconforming, and to deny protections to those students," Waltemyer said. Taking a final pause to reflect upon what she'd expressed and making eye contact with all board members, she said, "I respectfully request that the board adopt the addition to the policy and implement it in a fair and safe manner, as they have already been doing on a case-by-case basis. Thank you," she concluded.

For a long few moments after, the room remained silent, yet electric.

The next public commentator no longer had children in the district, though she apparently continued to attend every board meeting and spoke at every opportunity to the board with religious conviction. She called on the board to block the measure from passing, based upon what many believe is disproven science, biblical allegory, and subjective morality.

When the board debated the issue before them, many directly quoted Waltemyer's words in support of inclusion. Those who spoke against inclusion based their objections on personal religious beliefs, not on setting aside the separation of church and state in a public school setting. The student body representative, who normally does not speak unless directly addressed, voluntarily assured the board that this measure was wholeheartedly welcomed by students.

A few board members voiced their concern for the ongoing Third Circuit Court of Appeals case and possible Superior Court ruling one way or the other about such inclusionary language within educational institutions. They, however, found no support from the district's legal counsel, who too spoke favorably about the measure. A "good faith" request to table the debate until the final court ruling came through did not pass.

However, the final motion to adopt the policy change did. Six in favor, three against.

Following the vote, during a second public comment period, one woman expressed gratification that the measure passed. One man condemned the decision, likening the entire anti-discrimination policy to "a free hand out."

Making a place for joy

Making Sense of Life

By Dr. Terry Drew Karanen

Would you consider yourself a joyful person? Even if you do describe yourself as upbeat, do you desire more joy in your life? If so – and I'm going out on a limb here to assume you do – where can you find it?

We seldom hear about an abundance of joy in the media or even when we overhear conversations in public. We've been trained as a society to look for what's wrong in the world, not what's right. Why is that?

If truth be told, it's because we've allowed this to happen. If there's a disaster of any kind, how many times do we watch that same video online repeatedly? It's not like it's going to change, but there we sit, mesmerized by tragedy or injustice.

We have choice in what we believe, what we contemplate, and what we experience. To allow someone the right to "make us happy" or "make us sad" is a great example of how we willingly give away our powers of direction and choice.

These powers cannot be taken away from us without our consent. Yet we often figuratively give away these precious abilities to people and organizations around us. We present them as if they are all wrapped up in beautiful paper, topped with a pretty bow, and handed on a silver platter to the media, authority figures in our lives, or to someone whose approval we seek.

It doesn't do anyone any good to ignore what we see in front of us, pretending as if it wasn't there. Ignoring the problem will not make it magically disappear. Picture yourself driving down a slick road in a blizzard. Ahead of you, through the driving snow, you can see that the bridge you're about to cross has been washed out. There isn't an affirmation written that will stop your car from going over the precipice if you choose to ignore the situation.

We cannot afford to close our eyes to what we see around us if we are to practice loving compassion. We don't, however, proceed by blaming the situation on outside forces. We take stock of what we can do and do it. That' a great plan of attack when we consider the minute-by-minute crap we're bombarded with every day.

What does being joyful really mean? How can we be filled with joy in the midst of all we see, hear and feel around us when what we see doesn't fit our pictures of joyful living? Our ability to be grounded in the middle of the stormy news swirling around us requires a firm foundation. It requires unshakable faith in our belief of the unity of all life and what we want our lives to be.

Believe me when I say I understand how difficult it is to turn away from news, conversation, and gossip about juicy tidbits or rumors. Our very human emotions of anger and outrage over the horrible events of war, rioting, and financial inequity – as well as others you can think of in your own life – are difficult to transcend for most of us. They don't inspire the emotion of joy, do they?

Think of the word "joyful." I revel in taking apart words to more fully reveal and understand their meaning. What if we changed "joyful" to "joy-full" or "joy-filled?" Close your eyes for a moment and consider for yourself what it would be like to be so filled with joy and happiness that it was literally oozing out of your pores. Reflect on the experience of bringing joy to people simply by walking in the room being that vessel of joy.

Have you ever experienced that? I know I have, both on the giving and receiving end of the event. I know people who are absolutely infectious with joy! In their presence I cannot help but feel uplifted, revitalized and excited about life no matter how down I might have been earlier in the day.

How we present ourselves makes a difference to the amount of joy we possess daily. The sum total of our joy at any given time is directly related to what we have fed our minds with in the previous minutes, hours, days and weeks. Additionally, developing healthy habits in our life and little preventative maintenance on a daily basis goes a long way to a consistency of joy.

Attitudes are contagious – make sure yours is worth catching. If you are in the habit of looking to others to create or maintain joy in your life the time has come to change that. Appreciate the little things that make you laugh. Turn away from negative self-talk. By taking care of your own happiness you'll create a joy beyond anything you've experienced up until now.

Tips for Experiencing Joy:

Start your day with gratitude; end your day with forgiveness.

Meditate – just five minutes per day makes a difference.

Show love for yourself by feeding your body with nourishing foods.

Feed your mind with positive thoughts and plans for the future.

Cultivate and maintain close relationships with others.

Exercise in a way that you enjoy.

Listen to music that makes you want to dance – then dance!

Find a hobby you love.

Go "electronics free" for an hour – or a day!

Fill your mind with uplifting and encouraging reading.

Reach out for support where and when you need it.

Fall completely and totally in love with yourself!

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The church is not a UN State, say Catholics for Human Rights

By Winnie McCroy
Central Voice NYC Correspondent

Speakers Mary Hunt (left), Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual; and Mary Anne Case, Professor of Law urge UN Secretary-General to revoke the Nonmember State Permanent Observer Status of the Holy See, an administrative arm of the Roman Catholic Church.

More than 250 people gathered on March 14 at New York's UN Church Center to urge its Secretary-General to revoke the Nonmember State Permanent Observer Status of the Holy See, administrative arm of the Roman Catholic Church.

"Much has changed since 1964, when the Holy See invited itself to be a Permanent Observer," said Mary Hunt of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual. "So much that at a minimum, the Holy See needs to take a graceful exit and focus on its own priorities including financial, criminal and ministerial problems. Leave UN business to bona fide states."

After last year's explosive report tracking sexual abuse by 300 priests in six of Pennsylvania's eight dioceses, Catholics for Human Rights say it's time to end diplomatic and sovereign immunities shielding the Church from accountability and investigation.

The two-part event featured Hunt; Mary Anne Case, Professor of Law; and activist/theologian Virginia Saldanha; with moderators Amanda Ussak from Catholics for Choice; and Kate McElwee from the Women's Ordination Conference. An afternoon session featured survivors of clergy abuse.

Many religious organizations partner with the UN as Non-Governmental Organizations—but not the Catholic Church. This "golf-sized parcel of land with more chairs than permanent residents" doesn't meet the UN's rules for statehood, lacking permanent citizens, a territory, and a government. Yet they influence laws harming women, children and LGBTs.

The Church had a chance to start reparations, but the February 2019 Summit on the Protection of Minors in the Church resulted in zero policy changes—an outrage as patterns of abuse, lack of transparency, criminal collusion and guilty verdicts proliferate.

As Hunt noted, "Catholic is not a nationality." If the Holy See wants to continue to participate in the UN, they can do so "as one more NGO, alongside your own faith community, like Maryknoll or Pax Christi."

No place for women in the church

As Former Executive Secretary of the Archdiocese of Bombay's Women's Desk, Virginia Saldanha was deeply involved in the Church. But she found the "male interpretation of scriptures about women and gender problematic, as it denies rights…There is no channel through which the voice of women is heard in the Church."

Unlike America, where clergy abuse is coming to light, Saldhana said, "Men never speak of this, and there are no mechanisms in place to address it." When one Indian woman disclosed she was abused by a bishop, the Church censured her.

The Church even violates its own doctrines, as with the nine-year-old Brazilian girl impregnated with twins by her stepfather. Doctors advised abortion for her survival; the bishop subsequently excommunicated the mother and doctor, without censure to the stepfather. In other documented cases, nuns impregnated by priests are forced to have abortions.

Clergy bills itself as 'experts in humanity,' despite that celibate priests are hardly experts on women, sex, gender and family. They disregard advice from professionals, and opinions of those with personal experience. Their 2015 Synod on the Family featured male clergymen, with no women's groups invited, few women permitted to listen, and only several married couples to advise them. Using secular law to legislate these issues leaves women vulnerable.

But will the new Pope change things?

The election of Pope Francis provided hope that the Church might begin to treat women and children better. Instead, witness recent opposition of the Violence Against Women Act, because it references sexual orientation and gender identity. Neither will the Church support the Istanbul Convention combatting violence against women, saying it will cause "moral decay."

Saldhana sees Pope Francis as somewhat ambivalent—a "flash in the pan who says nice things… and encourages people to speak up, but doesn't have the wherewithal to change anything. And that's what is insidious, and what we're dealing with."

"As the UN becomes more powerful, the Holy See has stepped up their work against reproductive rights," echoed Ussak. "They've worked to change secular laws, and their understanding of 'gender' harms people."

Women and children are those most often harmed. In an afternoon session, clergy abuse survivor and whistleblower Barbara Dorris shared her tale.

"I was a good Catholic, with six kids in parochial school," said Dorris. "The Church was the center of our life."

But from the age of six through her teens, Dorris was abused by her priest. The first time he called for her, Dorris proudly donned her best dress to visit

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(or lack thereof), marital status, orientation, etc. This was a Church that elevated women to ordained positions of priest and bishop. There were openly gay individuals ministering to the people of God. I thought: "This is my kind of Catholic Church!"

I immediately contacted The Old Catholic Church, was received into their seminary program, and was ordained a priest at the age of 40. (The Church was growing and needed bishops to oversee dioceses, so I was called to the episcopacy of the Church a few years later.)

The past 25 years have been filled with many joys and many challenges. Although we were never a particularly large congregation here in the Harrisburg area, the number of regular congregants has declined over the past ten years. This is typical of so many mainline denominations. We no longer live in a society in which religion is a priority in people's lives. And yet my fellow bishops, priests, ministers, rabbis, imams and religious leaders from various traditions keep going. We continue to work hard to bring the "Good News" of our "Good Books" to a world which needs to hear the message of peace and forgiveness for all.

In a world filled with divides, I'm proud to be part of organizations such as the Mayor's Inter-Faith Advisory Council and the Inter-Religious Forum with so many good friends from all faith traditions working closely together to bring some sense of joy to our Central PA community.

I look back on these past 25 years with gratitude, as I give thanks to the Holy One for allowing me to work in the vineyard.

And I look forward to the next 25 years with a heart filled with hope!

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the priest, who said she was evil and raped her. She showed the heartbreakingly small yellow dress she wore that day.

"I cut off my hair to look like a boy," said Dorris. "I spent my childhood looking for someplace safe," but the priest accosted her on the playground, in class, or simply had her mother send her over.

To keep an eye on her own six children, Dorris worked as gym teacher at their school, and soon discovered that priest was also abusive.

"I went to the pastor to tell him; that was a mistake," said Dorris. "I called the police and [Child Protective Services], but they were no help. A lay review found the allegations not credible; several were also predators. So I got an attorney and stopped playing by Church rules. The priest was caught four times—but he's still in the parish."

Abuse scandals often focus on altar boys, the Church labeling it a 'homosexual issue.' But girls and women are abused just as often, even painted as sexual temptresses, the priests as victims.

Said Dorris, "The Pope is an absolute monarch. He could remove them publicly today and turn them over to local law enforcement. He could order bishops to obey the laws of the land, but they're not being charged, even when they're caught. So why would they change?"

Time for the Church to Go

The Holy See is delinquent in UN responsibilities, refusing to comply with the 1990 Convention on the Rights of the Child, covering up abuse, moving abusers around, and not educating children on reporting abuse.

The March 14 letter from Catholics for Human Rights lays it out: the Catholic Church is not a state. Every day the UN allows this, they defy their own principles of equality, and are complicit in the discrimination of women, children, and LGBT individuals.

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